

Application No.: 10/751,523

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-11 is acknowledged and appreciated. Claims 1-11 are objected to for minor informalities. In order to expedite issuance of the present application, the requested amendments have been made, without prejudice/disclaimer, solely to obviate the alleged informalities. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn. Claims 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being non-statutory. In order to expedite issuance of the present application, the Examiner's suggested amendment (i.e., computer-readable medium) has been made, without prejudice/disclaimer, solely to obviate the allegation that the claims were non-statutory. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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